

# HOUSE BILL No. 1179

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 14-23-4-7.

**Synopsis:** Back-country areas. Provides that back-country areas of Yellowwood State Forest, Morgan-Monroe State Forest, Jackson-Washington State Forest, and Clark State Forest may not be developed in a manner that permits motorized access, sale of timber, or commercial activity.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning natural and cultural resources.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 14-23-4-7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 7. (a) The general assembly finds:**  
4 **(1) that there are certain unique areas in Indiana's state**  
5 **forests that contain notable natural physical features in areas**  
6 **that provide nonmotorized access;**  
7 **(2) that pristine forest areas provide unique recreational and**  
8 **ecological benefits to the citizens of Indiana; and**  
9 **(3) that these areas should be preserved for future**  
10 **generations.**  
11 **(b) The following areas may not be developed in a manner that**  
12 **permits motorized access, sale of timber, or commercial activity:**  
13 **(1) An area of Yellowwood State Forest and Morgan-Monroe**  
14 **State Forest that contains approximately two thousand seven**  
15 **hundred (2,700) acres that:**  
16 **(A) was designated, by the department or on maps**



prepared by the department before January 1, 2014, as a back-country area; and

(B) is contained within the following property compartment and tract boundary maps prepared by the department before January 1, 2014:

(i) Within Morgan-Monroe compartment 9, tracts 1 through 9.

(ii) Within Morgan-Monroe compartment 15, tracts 1 through 10.

(iii) Within Yellowwood compartment 13, tracts 1 through 4, tract 8 (partial), tract 15 (partial), and tract 16.

(2) An area of Jackson-Washington State Forest that contains approximately two thousand five hundred (2,500) acres that:

(A) was designated, by the department or on maps prepared by the department before January 1, 2014, as a back-country area; and

(B) is contained within the following property compartment and tract boundary maps prepared by the department before January 1, 2014:

(i) Within Jackson-Washington compartment 9, tract 21 (partial), tract 22 (partial), tracts 23 through 25, and tract 26 (partial).

(ii) Within Jackson-Washington compartment 10, tracts 1 through 18, tract 21, tract 22, tract 23 (partial), tract 24 (partial), tract 25, tract 26 (partial), tract 27 (partial), tract 28 (partial), tract 29 (partial), tract 30 (partial), tract 31 (partial), tract 32 (partial), and tract 37.

(3) An area of Clark State Forest that contains approximately two thousand (2,000) acres that:

(A) was designated, by the department or on maps prepared by the department before January 1, 2014, as a back-country area; and

(B) is contained within the following property compartment and tract boundary maps prepared by the department before January 1, 2014:

(i) Within Clark compartment 2, tracts 1 through 5, tract 6 (partial), tracts 7 through 12, tract 13 (partial), tract 14 (partial).

(ii) Within Clark compartment 3, tract 1 and tract 2.

(c) The department shall retain the maps described in subsection (b) as the maps existed on December 31, 2013.

